



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL COMPRISING AN EFFICACIOUS CELL CULTURE OF A BIOCOMPATIBLE AND BIODEGRADABLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL MATRIX CONSISTING OF A HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE

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## **AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed December 19, 2001. Kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly add new claims 122-161 as follows:

122. (new) A biological material comprising:

at least one autologous or homologous cellular line selected from the group consisting of endothelial cells, glandular cells, skin adnexa and germinative cells of hair bulbs,

a biocompatible three-dimensional matrix, on which said cellular line is seeded and grown, said matrix comprising a hyaluronic acid derivative selected from the group consisting of:

an ester of hyaluronic acid wherein part or all of the carboxylic groups of said hyaluronic acid are esterified with alcohols of the aliphatic, aromatic, arylaliphatic, cycloaliphatic series;

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